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Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mexican Writer Luis Alberto Urrea

*Author to read from **The Hummingbird's Daughter***

Atlanta, GA.- The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum welcomes novelist Luis Alberto Urrea for a Cinco de Mayo reading and book signing at 7:30 p.m. May 5th. The reading and book signing is open to the public at no charge.

**Luis Alberto Urrea
The Hummingbird's Daughter
7:30 pm, May 5th
Free Reading & Book Signing
Carter Presidential Library**

A writer and poet, Urrea was born in Tijuana, B.C.Mexico, and is best known for his book, *The Devil's Highway*. With ten other titles to his name, Urrea is also an American Book Award winner, an inductee into the Latino Literary Hall of Fame, a Lannan Foundation Literary Award Winner, and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. His latest novel, *The Hummingbird's Daughter*, took twenty years to write and is a tale of revolutionary Mexico.

Publishers Weekly writes Urrea “fashions an astonishing novel set against the guerrilla violence of post–Civil War southwestern border disputes and incipient revolution. His brilliant prose is saturated with the cadences and insights of Latin-American magical realism and tempered by his exacting reporter's eye and extensive historical investigation. The book is wildly romantic, sweeping in its effect, employing the techniques of Catholic hagiography, Western fairy tale, Indian legend and everyday family folklore against the gritty historical realities of war, poverty, prejudice, lawlessness, torture and genocide.”

Urrea's presentation at the Carter Library is in cooperation with the Chattahoochee Review, the Writer's Institute at Georgia Perimeter College, the Georgia Center for the Book, and the Institute of Mexico, Inc. For additional information, call the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library at 404-865-7100 or visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov.